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SUBJECT: USAREUR CONCEPTUAL PAPER

1. GENERAL BLANCHARD HAS SENT ME A COPY OF AN IMPORTANT CONCEPTUAL PAPER ENTITLED "USAREUR -- A FIELD ARMY DEPLOYED." MEMBERS OF THIS EMBASSY SAW THE PAPER IN DRAFT AND MADE COMMENTS WHILE IT WAS STILL IN FORMULATION. AT GENERAL BLANCHARD'S REQUEST, I AM TRANSMITTING A COPY OF THE FINAL PAPER TO THE DEPARTMENT UNDER COVER OF AN AIRGRAM ALONG WITH A REQUEST FOR CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL. THE AIRGRAM ALSO PRESENTS THE ONLY CAVEAT I HAVE, AND THAT CONCERNS A SOMEWHAT OVER-OPTIMISTIC TONE CONCERNING THE EASE WITH WHICH THE VARIOUS PORTIONS OF THE PLAN MIGHT BE NEGOTIATED WITH THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT.

2. I COMMEND THE USAREUR CONCEPTUAL PAPER TO THE DEPARTMENT AND IN PARTICULAR TO ASSISTANT SECRETARIES HARTMAN AND GELB. WHILE WE HERE IN EMBASSY BONN ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO JUDGE MANY OF THE MILITARY ASPECTS OF THE PAPER, I CONCUR WITH GENERAL BLANCHARD'S JUDGMENT THAT THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN WOULD INCREASE USAREUR EFFECTIVENESS. THAT WOULD, I BELIEVE, FURTHER OUR INTEREST IN A STRONG DETERRENT HERE.
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